

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend from page 8, paragraph 1, through page 10, paragraph 4, as amended in the International Application, to read as follows:

-- WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: --**[CLAIMS]**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A[n endoscopic] surg[ery] ical device for [the] remov[al] ing [of] organic fluids from a body cavity, the device comprising an absorbing plug [(8) and], a tubular body [(1,)] suitable for slidingly housing [said] the plug [(8)], and a plunger [(4)] slidingly engageable in [said] the tubular body so as to push [said] the plug outside thereof and place it at the surgical site, [said] the tubular body [(1)] and plunger [(4)] having a distal end[s (1a, 4a)] and a proximal end [(1b, 4b)], [characterized in that said] wherein the plug is connected to [plug] a radio-opaque plug locat[ion]or [means (9, 10)] floating [in relation] relative to [the] internal organs, blood or other [liquids] fluids present at the surgical site, and that at the distal end [(4a)] of [said]

the plunger [(4) means are], a handle is provided for gripping [said] the locat[ion]or [means to] for recovering [said] the plug after use by retracting [it] the plunger inside [said] the tubular body.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The [D] device [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein [said] the locat[ion]or [means] comprises at least one ball [(10)] of a generally lower specific weight than that of the internal organs, blood or other [liquid] fluid present at the surgical site, connected to [said] the plug by a wire [(9)].

Claim 3 (currently amended) The [D] device [according to] set forth in claim 2, wherein [said] the at least one ball [(10)] has relatively smaller dimensions than the internal ones of [said] the tubular body [(1)].

Claim 4 (currently amended) The [D] device [according to any one of the previous] set forth in claim[s] 1, wherein [said] the plunger [comprises] includes a stem [(4)] and [said gripping means comprises] the handle has a loop [(5)] at [the] a distal end of [said] the stem, [said] the loop being generally wider than [said] the ball.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The [D] device [according to] set forth in claim 4, wherein [said] the loop [(5)] is formed by a relatively thin plate bent and connected [by] at its ends to the distal end of [said] the stem.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The [D]device [according to any one of the previous] set forth in claim[s] 1, wherein at the proximal end[s] (1b, 4b) of [said] the tubular body [(1)] and of [said] the stem [(4)], a handle [means (3a, 3b, 7) are] is provided for actuating axial sliding of [said] the stem in one direction or the other as a result of corresponding pressure actions exerted simultaneously in opposite directions on [said] the handle [means].

Claim 7 (currently amended) The [D] device [according to] set forth in claim 6, wherein [said] the handle [means are] is of [the] a ring type so as to allow engag[ing]ement [of] with the fingers of a user.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The [D] device [according to] set forth in claim 7, wherein at the proximal end [(1b)] of [said] the tubular body [(1)], a pair of handle rings [(3a, 3b)] are provided, generally diametrically opposite to and co[-]planar [thereto] with one another, wh[ile]ereas at the proximal end [(4a)] of [said] the stem [(4)], a[n] handle ring [(7)] is provided, generally co[-]planar thereto.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The [D]device [according to any one of the previous] set forth in claim[s] 1, wherein the ball surface is white or colo[u]red with a relatively light colo[u]r.

Claim 10 (currently amended) An [O]organic [liquid] fluid absorbing plug for surgical use, the plug comprising an elongated body [in] constructed of a material [with] having haemostatic properties [and characterised in that said] , the body [is] being connected to a [plug] radio-opaque plug locat[ion]or [means (9, 10)], floating [in relation] relative to [the] internal organs, blood or other [liquids] fluids present at the surgical site.

Claim 11 (currently amended) An [O]organic [liquid] fluid absorbing plug [according to] set forth in claim 10, wherein [said] the locat[ion]or [means] comprises at least one ball [(10)] with a generally lower specific weight than that of the internal organs, blood or other [liquid] fluid present at the surgical site, connected to [said] the plug by a wire [(9)].

Claim 12 (currently amended) An [O]organic [liquid] fluid absorbing plug [according to] set forth in claim 10 [or 11], wherein the ball surface is white or colo[u]red with a relatively light colo[u]r.